

Fair, Warmer Tonight;  
Friday Cloudy.

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## BALLINGER ASKS TAFT TO REMOVE PINCHOT, IS REPORT

Officials Believe This Request  
Was Made Today at White  
House Conference.

## FIGHT BEING FORCED BY THE SECRETARY

Friends Think Latter Has Enough  
Facts to Warrant Alleged  
Demand.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

That Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, in a conference with the President this afternoon, asked the official head of Chief Forester Pinchot, and that he based the request on his belief that Mr. Pinchot has gone out of his way to attack Ballinger personally and harass the Department of the Interior, are two things currently believed in official circles today.

Although nothing official was given out at the White House regarding the conference between the President and Mr. Ballinger, Secretary Nagel and Secretary Dickinson, most of the time was given to the Ballinger matter, and the refusal of the White House and Mr. Ballinger to make any comment on the report does not lessen the general belief that the Secretary of the Interior is forcing a fight on Pinchot.

### ONLY ONE ON PAY ROLL.

Ballinger is credited by his friends with believing he has enough facts in his possession to warrant his asking that the President decide whether or not Mr. Pinchot will benefit the service by remaining in it. He is described as thinking that Pinchot's hostility to him is such that the two cannot longer remain on the Government pay rolls.

Pinchot is said to be in that frame of mind which welcomes a fight.

There are those who believe that up to this time the President has believed he could compromise the differences between the head of the Interior Department and the Chief of the Forestry Service, but this intention on his part cannot be carried out if Mr. Ballinger has been correctly quoted by those who have talked with him about his feelings in the matter.

### Pinchot's Popularity.

The situation brings up a difficult situation for Mr. Taft, owing to the popularity of Pinchot with the people, a popularity which made itself emphatically felt when the President was touring the West.

Opposed to the influence and power of Pinchot are the power of Ballinger and his conviction that Pinchot has been too much in sympathy with the widely published attacks on the Department of the Interior and Mr. Ballinger's administration of its affairs.

Ballinger is described as wishing an early settlement of the trouble. When it will come, can not be foretold, but the probability is that there will be developments within the next few days.

## WEATHER REPORT.

High temperatures continue from Texas northward through the lake region, but over the western half of the country they have fallen decidedly, although they are still above the seasonal average in the Plains States.

There will be local rains tonight or Friday over the northern districts east of the Mississippi river, while over the southern districts generally fair weather will prevail.

It will be warmer in the Atlantic States, colder tonight and Friday in the upper lake region, and colder Friday in the lower lake region and the Ohio valley.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be moderate to brisk south to southwest.

### TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m. .... 39  
9 a. m. .... 43  
10 a. m. .... 46  
11 a. m. .... 49  
12 m. .... 52  
Noon .... 53  
1 p. m. .... 53

### FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.

Fair, warmer tonight; Friday partly cloudy and warmer; moderate south to southwest winds.

### SUN TABLE.

Sun rises ..... 6:37  
Sun sets ..... 4:50

### TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 7:01 a. m. and 7:01 p. m. Low tide, 1:10 a. m. and 1:10 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 7:39 a. m. and 7:39 p. m. Low tide, 1:46 a. m. and 1:46 p. m.

### CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Nov. 11.—Both rivers clear this morning.

## DISTRICT WILL PROBE HYPNOTISM'S STANDING

Recent Death of Man In New Jersey Has Stirred Commissioners to Investigate Practices in This City, and Report Will Be Prepared.

In view of the recent death in Somerville, N. J., of the professional subject of a traveling hypnotist, the practice of hypnotism in the District of Columbia is to receive a thorough investigation by the Health Department.

Commissioner Macfarland today called upon Health Officer Woodward for a report as to the extent to which hypnotism is practiced in the District. At the same time the Health Officer will advise the Commissioners as to what legislation, if any, is necessary for the regulation of the practice, in order that there may be no possibility of a similar fatality in the District.

Dr. Woodward said today he was not prepared to state, off-hand, whether hypnotism should be prohibited entirely or whether it should be governed by regulations or legislation.

"Hypnotism is practiced to some ex-

tent and with success by the medical fraternity in the cure of nervous diseases," said the Health Officer. "The danger lies in the experiments of amateurs and it may be necessary to adopt some legislation limiting the practice to competent authorities on hypnotism and preventing the practice for the purposes of exhibition. At the same time there is some doubt as to whether a man capable of judging his own affairs can be prevented from voluntarily placing himself under the control of a hypnotist. The entire subject will be carefully investigated by the department. New Jersey has aroused the interest of local medical societies and the question of asking for specific legislation to prevent the practice of hypnotism by persons unfamiliar with it will be discussed at future meetings. It is probable that the societies will recommend the enactment of such legislation at the coming session of Congress.

## SHARP LINES DRAWN IN ROW IN CHURCH

Trouble Among Christian Scientists Is Expected at Meeting Monday.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Following the announcement of the trustees of the First Christian Science Church that they are willing, the books and accounts of the church shall be inspected, there was a full today in the church which threatens to disrupt the local church. Both sides are apparently "marking time" while lining up their forces for the struggle that is anticipated at the church meeting next Monday night.

It was reported today that E. F. Hatfield, who has completed charges which he will file with the board of trustees Monday night against Virgil O. Strickler, first reader of the church, and the leader of the opposition to Mrs. Stetson.

The persons who are back of the movement to compel the trustees who are Stetson followers, to make an accounting of the church finances, declared today they will not decide whether they will accept the offer of the trustees. This offer was to permit any firm of disinterested accountants to examine the books and report on the disbursements. This offer, some of the disaffected members declare, has a "sting" to it, and they may later take the entire matter to the courts.

## TREASURY TRYING TO MULOT TRUSTS

American Tobacco Company  
Again Under Fire—Loeb  
Behind Guns.

The American Tobacco Company, otherwise known as the Tobacco Trust, again is under fire of investigation by officials of the Treasury Department.

Today special agents of the department in New York, working under the direction of Collector of Customs Loeb, who reports to the chief of the customs division here, are making close inspection of many tons of recent importations of the trust, wherein, it is claimed, the corporation has imported wrapper tobacco—a high grade of the product—under a guise of filler tobacco, and thus avoided the payment of many thousands of dollars in duties, which by law should have been paid into the Treasury of the United States long ago.

Charles P. Montgomery, chief of the customs division of the department, who will have jurisdiction in the premises after Mr. Loeb reports, is in New York today attending a general meeting of the customs appraisers of the country at which this question will be considered.

Recently an expert customs examiner has been at work classifying the importations of the American Tobacco Company and it is said this by careful examination he has been able to increase the amount of duties payable to the Government from this source by \$100,000 a month.

He discovered upon assuming office that immense quantities of wrapper tobacco were being imported under the heading of filler tobacco, and it was owing to his discoveries that the general investigation has begun. The imports of leaf tobacco into the United States amount to more than 2,000,000 pounds a month upon which is usually collected a total of about \$1,000,000. It was explained that in determining the difference in grades the matter was largely one of judgment on the part of the respective collectors and that in most cases, very few collectors were able to agree.

Treasury Department officials in Washington are not decided as to whether the American Tobacco Company, in this practice, had any intent to deceive the customs officials, although they are proceeding to examine into the situation closely. It was said at the customs division today that collectors of customs at practically all the ports found large quantities of wrapper tobacco in consignments of supposed filler tobacco, the wrapper brand being mostly of Sumatra raising, while the filler product has been Cuban.

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## VICTIM OF FEND CAN GIVE NO CLUE

Aged Maryland Woman Is  
Nervous Wreck From  
Brutal Treatment.

CENTREVILLE, Md., Nov. 11.—Without a single clue, save a few muddy footprints on the floor and in every way shrouded by the deepest mystery, the police were called this morning to investigate one of the blackest crimes ever perpetrated in the criminal history of Queen Anne county, which was committed about midnight when Mrs. Henrietta Meredith, an aged widow of one of the suburban sections of Centreville, was attacked in her bedroom and left helplessly bound.

In an hysterical condition and completely unaided, Mrs. Meredith is now at the home of friends unable to give any description of her assailant or even to say whether he was white or black.

Although the officers have subjected her to as rigid an examination as her condition will permit, she is unable to furnish the slightest clue that might aid in bringing about an arrest. Mrs. Meredith is about sixty years old and is the widow of the late Thomas Meredith of this county. For a number of years she has made her home at Centreville.

## AUSTRALIAN COAL SITUATION WORSE

Government Finally Decides  
To Take No Part in  
Present Strike.

SYDNEY, Nov. 11.—Both employers and strikers, in the strike of the Australian coal miners, today welcomed the declaration of the premier that the government will take no part in the trouble. Both sides have declared there can be no compromise, and that no concessions will be made. A long struggle seems inevitable.

Factories all over the country have been forced to close, and more have announced their intention of closing if the situation is not relieved. The price of coal within the last twenty-four hours has gone to \$15 a ton. A week ago the price was \$7.

The strike so far has been remarkably free from violence, and there seems no likelihood of disorder.

## KILLS BANK CASHIER, WOUNDS PRESIDENT

Youth Shoots Up Bank in  
New Albany, Ind., and  
Is Captured.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Nov. 11.—A young man entered the Merchants' National Bank at Pearl and Main streets shortly after 11 o'clock, and after ordering everybody to throw up their hands, began shooting.

Cashier J. Hangary Fawcett was killed almost instantly. President J. K. Woodward was shot several times and badly wounded. The murderer made his escape, but was captured at the river bank.

He had come from Louisville in an automobile.

### LOYAL TO THE KING.

COLON, Panama, Nov. 11.—King Edward's birthday was celebrated here, under the direction of British subjects and British-born American citizens. The city was decorated and the authorities of the Canal Zone permitted those who wished to cease work for the day to do so. Addresses were made and there were horse races and other sports.

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## PRESIDENT FINDS WORK PILED HIGH

Taft, Back From the Swing  
Around Circle, Has Vexing  
Questions to Settle.

## MANY BIG POSTS MUST BE FILLED

Ballinger-Pinchot Controversy and  
Loeb Trouble Call for Imme-  
diate Action.

## SOME QUESTIONS TAFT MUST SETTLE

Annual message to Congress.  
The Ballinger-Pinchot contro-  
versy.

Selection of minister to China and ambassadors to Great Britain and France.

Appointment of successor to the late Justice Peckham.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Third Assistant Postmaster General, and postmaster for Washington.

Investigation of customs frauds in New York.  
Reorganization of the bureau system of the Navy Department.

Decider of question, "What is whisky?"

Tired out from his swing "around the circle," and mighty glad to be at home again, President Taft spent the greater part of this morning with his family in the White House preparatory to plunging into the grave problems that await his action.

When he stepped over to his new executive offices today he found, in addition to the preparation of his annual message to Congress, enough work mapped out for him to keep him busy every minute for months.

The President was pleased with the new addition to the office building, which occupies the ground formerly dedicated to the "Tennis Cabinet." Mrs. Taft had inspected them, and everything was in readiness for occupancy.

Chief among the matters to be settled by the President is the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, which has reached such an acute stage that it is generally believed here that the President cannot longer continue both Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot in his official family.

Part of Plans.

A story that has gained wide circulation in the past few days in newspapers that are close to the White House element in the Administration, to the effect that the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is really but one phase of a political conspiracy that has for its object Roosevelt for President in 1912, has complicated the situation.

Several mysterious Cabinet conferences during the past few days at which Secretary Ballinger seems to have been the moving spirit, have given rise to the story that the members of the Cabinet will call Taft's attention to the widespread and serious political aspect of the present split in the Administration and ask that Pinchot's services be dispensed with in the interests of harmony.

Pinchot, who returned to Washington last night, laughs at the story of the political plot, but it is evident that the Ballinger element seriously believes it and it is stated that the President will be impressed with this phase of the dispute and told plainly that Pinchot is trying to discredit Taft before the American people and to question his good faith in carrying out the "Roosevelt policies."

### Congress May Act.

Talk of a Congressional investigation into the conduct of the Interior Department and the General Land Office has been renewed, and it is now regarded as certain that such an investigation will be set on foot shortly after Congress convenes in December.

The selection of a minister to China, and of ambassadors to Great Britain and France are a few of the other matters that are clamoring for the attention of the President. Executive orders made by the death of Justice Peckham, must be given the President's attention this winter.

The appointment of a successor to Arnsby McHarg, whose resignation as Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, was recently accepted, and the appointment of a Third Assistant Postmaster General call for the President's attention at once. Then there is a vacancy in the post of Postmaster here at the National Capital.

The customs frauds in New York, and the effort that is being made to oust William Loeb, Jr., as collector, will help in keeping the President busy.

### Another Question.

The troublesome question of reorganizing the bureau system of the Navy Department will come in for a share of executive attention. Several census supervisors for the largest cities in the country, including New York, Pittsburgh, and San Antonio, must be appointed by the President very soon, so that the preliminary work of taking the census of 1910 can proceed.

The President went over to the building of the Daughters of the American Revolution at 11 o'clock and delivered a short address at the opening of the Washington convention of the laymen's missionary movement and then hurried back to work.

The White House was crowded all day with visitors, some merely to welcome the President home and others on business.

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## COMMISSIONER WEST RESIGNS FROM BOARD



COMMISSIONER HENRY LITCHFIELD WEST.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH GETS RICH BEQUEST

George Willner Leaves \$500  
To Faithful Colored  
Servant.

Five thousand dollars, his library and paintings are bequeathed by the terms and conditions of the will of the late George Willner, to the German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Congregation, of this city, which was founded by him. Of this fund, \$1,000 is to be applied to church repairs and the remainder to the needs of the church as expressed by the majority of the congregation.

One-eighth of the remainder of the estate, which is left in trust to the Washington Loan and Trust Company, is to be placed at the disposal of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synods of Missouri, Ohio, and other States, to aid poor students in the school of theology.

### After the Payment of the legacy to the Trinity congregation, Mr. Willner directs that the remaining estate be divided into four parts, the first to go to the children of his deceased brother, Fred G. H. Willner, the second to the children of Ferdinand Willner, another brother; the third to the children of John H. Poss, a brother-in-law, and the fourth to be divided between the Lutheran Synod and George Seltz, an adopted child.

To his negro servant, Emma, Mr. Willner bequeaths \$500. The Washington Loan and Trust Company is named executor.

## GEN. W. B. ROCHESTER CLAIMED BY DEATH

Career of Retired Army Officer Ended at Advanced Age of 83.

Brig. Gen. William Beatty Rochester, U. S. A., retired, grandson of the founder of the city of Rochester, N. Y., and former paymaster general of the army, died at his residence, 1300 Eighth street northwest, at 2 o'clock this morning.

General Rochester was eighty-three years old, and his death was not unexpected. He had been ill ever since he retired to the Capital from his summer home, at Vineyard Haven, three weeks ago. General Rochester suffered a stroke of apoplexy Monday night.

General Rochester had a picturesque career. He was born at Angelica, N. Y., February 15, 1826, the son of William B. Rochester, former member of the House of Representatives, and judge of the circuit court of the Empire State. Nathaniel Rochester, the general's grandfather, founded the city which bears the family name.

Remember the name Piper Hedselbeck, and you need never go wrong in buying a piece of chewing tobacco.—Advt.

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## VICTORY PREDICTED FOR MME. STEINHEIL

Opinion Is That State's Own  
Witnesses Have Ruined  
Its Case.

PARIS, Nov. 11.—"Beaten by its own witnesses," is the popular opinion voiced today of the state's case against Mme. Marguerite Steinheil, on trial for the murder of her husband and mother. When the court opened today but one witness for the prosecution remains to be examined. Not a single witness has yet testified for the defense—there are upward of twenty-five who will do so, and yet practically all the telling points of the case have been scored by the defense, largely through the cleverness of the prisoner in outwitting the authorities and their witnesses during the cross-examination of the latter.

In spite of its bombast and inquisitorial methods, the state has been able to only build up a tottering circumstantial case. The manner in which the widow-prisoner has withstood the bullying of the court has won her the open sympathy of the spectators, and cannot have been without effect on the impressionable jury.

### Changes Denied.

A sensational report of yesterday that the trial would result in sweeping changes in the criminal code was denied today.

All the witnesses for the defense are to be called before the prosecutor's general begins his summarizing speech. It is expected that these will be disposed of today, and that the speech of the prosecutor general, which will undoubtedly last a whole day, will be concluded by tomorrow evening.

Mme. Steinheil will probably summarize for the defense on Saturday, and Madame Steinheil will then be allowed to make her final statement, for which she has been making voluminous notes during the progress of the trial. That may continue the trial over next Monday, although it is possible a verdict may be returned late Saturday.

### Shatters the Case.

That the verdict will favor Madame Steinheil is the belief of those who have watched the trial from the beginning. The clever woman has successfully either denied or nullified the points upon which the authorities built their case.

The only motive which the prosecution could call to the attention of the jury for the murders was eliminated yesterday when M. Borderel, former lover of the widow, testified there had never been any thought of marriage between Madame Steinheil and himself. The prosecution has contended Madame Steinheil killed her husband because she might marry M. Borderel.

The testimony of Marie-Louise Wolf, the Steinheil cook and confidant, that she had seen Madame Steinheil with M. Borderel, completely offset the damaging testimony of the newspaper men who said the widow wished to commit suicide after the murder.

When Madame Steinheil took her place in court today she seemed to have all the advantage possible for successfully terminating the fight she is making to escape the guillotine.

### BIG FIRE IN MINE.

PERTH, West Australia, Nov. 11.—Fire has broken out at the Great Boulder gold mines, and the surface of the workings is ablaze. The damage already done is estimated at \$1,200,000.

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## NEWSPAPER WORK CLAIMS MEMBER IN THIRD TERM

Action Comes As Complete  
Surprise to Public and  
White House.

## TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SCOTT C. BONE

Asks to Be Relieved From Duties  
As Soon As Successor Is  
Named and Qualified.

Henry Litchfield West, member of the Board of District Commissioners, today handed his resignation to President Taft. He will retire from office as soon as his successor is appointed and qualified.

Commissioner West's action came as a complete surprise to all Washington, as he had but recently been appointed to his third term as Commissioner for a period of three years, and this term has more than two years to run.

### EXPLAINS ACTION.

Mr. West's explanation of his decision to retire from the Board of Commissioners was made in a public statement, and is to the effect that he will be associated with Scott C. Bone in the publication of the Washington Herald. Mr. West, a former newspaper man of recognized ability, declares he prefers that work to assisting in the governing of District affairs.

Commissioner West's resignation was a complete surprise at the White House, and the President expressed deep regret at his retirement.

### Will Be Partnership.

His association with Mr. Bone, although the Washington Herald is owned by a stock company, will in effect be a partnership between them, it is understood, on equal terms. It is the consummation of a plan formulated at the inception of this newspaper enterprise, but which failed to take shape at that time. Mr. Bone and Mr. West were colleagues for many years on the Washington Post and share each other's views as to newspaper making.

"With the great growth of Washington, the need for a newspaper, and the success of the Washington Herald is a demonstration of that fact. When the opportunity came to me, therefore, at a recent date, to identify myself with the enterprise, it is but natural that I accepted it.

### Newspaper Man First.

"I am first and last a newspaper man, and, while my official service has been a most valuable experience, it has not destroyed or minimized my love of newspaper work. I left it with reluctance and shall re-enter it with enthusiasm. As many of my friends well understand, I endeavored, in 1906, to arrange my affairs as to become a co-founder of the Herald with Mr. Bone, but circumstances intervened then to prevent the step. Now I shall take up with him the work of further developing the project, and I shall be glad to gether propitious and prospect most promising. It is my intention, of course, to give my undivided time to that work."

### Goes to White House.

Mr. Bone, who accompanied Mr. West to the White House when he tendered his resignation, stated subsequently that a slight reorganization of the Washington Herald Company with this end in view, had been in process for the past few weeks. It involved no change in policy of the paper, or radical change in the personnel of the staff, but meant a strengthening of forces, and the realization of a hope which he and Mr. West had entertained for years of being again associated in newspaper life and newspaper ownership.

### Surprises Officials.

The news of Commissioner West's resignation was a complete surprise to the officials and employees of the District Building, all of whom expressed regret at his departure from the District Government. His entrance again into the newspaper field has been under consideration for three weeks, but so closely has the secret been guarded that only a few of his intimate friends were aware of his intention. He has long been identified with the newspaper fraternity, and said today that it is his intention to re-enter the field with the purpose of making it his life work. Commissioner West was first appointed October 15, 1902. He was confirmed the second time February 1, 1906, and his third term began February 1, 1909.

During his three administrations he has had charge of the business and financial ends of the District Government, including the purchase of supplies.

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